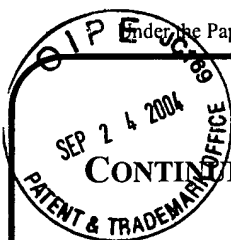


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Filing Date	July 1, 2002
First Named Inventor	Shogo KAKIUCHI, et al.
Art Unit	3651
Examiner Name	Gene O. Crawford
Attorney Docket Number	81833.0036

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on May 18, 2004  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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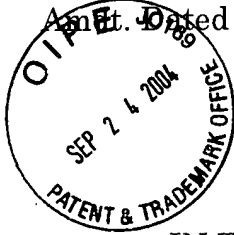
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant files concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination in order to i) file an Information Disclosure Statement and ii) and amend the title. Please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendment** to the specification begins on page 2 of this paper.